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1. PRESIDENT MALLOUM DELIVERED TO ME LETTER FRO PRESIDENT CARTER EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 12. LETTER, WHICH IS BEING POUCHED, INFORMALLY TRANSLATED AS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT: ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF YOUR CORRESPONDENCE DATED 6 SEPTEMBER, 1977, I HAVE THE HONOR TO LET YOU KNOW THAT IT WAS WITH PREASURE I LEARNED OF THE DECISION MAKING CHAD ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE ARTICLES OF DEFENSE AND SERVICES UNDER THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM. I WISH TO THANK YOU VERY SINCERELY FOR THIS.

SINCE THE CHANGES WHICH TOOK PLACE IN MY COUNTRY IN 1975, THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE PURSUED BY THE SUPERME MILITARY COUNCIL IS TO BRING UNITY, PEACE, AND BROTHERLY LOVE TO CHAD WITH THE STRICTEST RESPECT FOR THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF ALL CHADIANS. THIS IS WHY WE HAVE MADE NATIONAL CONCILIATION THE SPEARHEAD OF OUR POLITICS. IF IT SUCCEEDS AS WE HOPE AND BELIEVE, THIS WILL PERMIT AND FAVOR THE UNDERTAKING OF AN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WHOSE FINAL OUTCOME IS THE WELL-BEING OF THE CHADIAN PEOPLE.
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WITH REGARD TO THE BORDER CONFLICT WHICH OPPOSES CHAD AND LIBYA, I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT HAS PROVEN ITS PASENCE AND HAS USED ALL MEANS TO ARRIVE AT A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION. IF WE HAD BEEN OBLIGED TO BRING THE MATTER BEFORE THE AOU AND PERAHPS THE UN, MR. PRESIDENT, IT IS BECAUSE OF

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THE BAD WILL AND BAD FAITH ON THE LIBYAN SIDE. DESPITE THIS, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE ALWAYS REMAIN OPEN TO DIALOGUE AND CONCERTED ACTION.

WE WISH THAT YOU COULD, BECAUSE OF YOUR ROLE AS A GREAT POWER RESPONSIBLE FOR PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, USE ALL NECESSARY MEANS TO MAKE LIBYA LISTEN TO REASON, BECAUSE WE HAVE REASONS TO FEAR THAT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN TIBESTI COULD DEGENERATE INTO A SITUATION SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE OGADEN. IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS SITUATION THAT WE HAVE JUDGED INDISPENSABLE AND NECESSARY TO APPEAL TO CERTAIN FRIENDLY COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES TO HELP US ASSURE THE SECURITY AND DEFENSE OF OUR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

IN THANKING YOU FOR THE COURAGEOUS DECISION THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN IN FAVOR OF CHAD AND WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE FOLLOWED WITH OTHERS OF THE SAME SORT, NOTABLY THE PROMPT REALIZATION OF THE AID SOLICITED, PLEASE ACCEPT MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION UNQUOTE. BRADFORD

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